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Claims 1-84 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9-12, 15, 16, 23-47, 49-61 and 63-84 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 3, 6, 8, 13, 14, 17-22, 48, and 62 will be pending and under examination.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R.  $\S1.121(c)(1)(ii)$ , applicants attach hereto as Exhibit A, a version of the amended claims marked up to show the changes relative to the previous version thereof.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee other than the filing fee of \$690.00, is deemed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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## Amended Claims:

- 6. (Amended) A nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid molecule of at least 15 nucleotides capable of specifically hybridizing with a sequence included within the sequence of the nucleic acid molecule of claim [1, or] 3.
- 8. (Amended) An antisense nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence complementary to the nucleic acid of claim [1 or] 3.
- 13. (Amended) A host vector system for the production of a protein having the biological activity of OLD-137, OLD-139, OLD-142, OLD-175 protein which comprises [the] a vector [of claim 11] which comprises the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 3 or 8 in a suitable host.
- 14. (Amended) A method of producing a protein having the biological activity of OLD-35, OLD-64, OLD-137, OLD-139, OLD-142, OLD-175 protein which comprises growing the host vector system of claim [12, or] 13 under conditions permitting production of the protein and recovering the protein so produced.
- 21. (Amended) A protein encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim [1, or] 3.